
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE VALUE AND IMPORTANCE OF THE CONSERVATION ECONOMY
AND REQUESTING THE SUPPORT OF A CONSERVATION ECONOMY FROM
THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

1 WHEREAS, a conservation economy is one where economic
2 wealth is harvested from a bioregion's natural resources in a
3 way that meets local communities' needs and does not lessen the
4 natural and social capital of the bioregion; and

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6 WHEREAS, one of the guiding principles of the conservation
7 economy is the protection of everything that makes our world:
8 land, oceans, living beings, diverse cultures, communities; and
9 understanding that there are finite resources that must be
10 carefully stewarded to ensure a more livable Earth for future
11 generations; and

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13 WHEREAS, we live in a time of tremendous change, the extent
14 of which is the subject of intense debate around the world, and
15 at the heart of this debate is the clash between the immediate
16 human need for food and water and the current human practices
17 that have had a negative long-term impact on the land and
18 water's capacity to support life, livelihoods, and heritage,
19 including traditional indigenous subsistence living; and

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21 WHEREAS, population growth and the increasing migration of
22 people across the country strains each state's biodiversity and
23 land and water resources, resulting in a sense of urgency to
24 understand how these actions affect storm water run-off, rain
25 acidity, wastewater, and fish farm preservation; and

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27 WHEREAS, natural resource management, which monitors
28 natural resources and integrates factors such as innovative
29 science, sustainability practices, and traditional cultural
30 knowledge through collaboration between all sectors, has been



1 embraced in order to ensure food security, economic security,
2 and the well-being of communities; and
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4 WHEREAS, there is a growing need and demand for new
5 partnerships to be established across the country between state
6 agencies, non-governmental organizations, conservationists,
7 scientists, consumers, producers, urban planners, entrepreneurs,
8 grassroots and indigenous organizations, and financiers in order
9 to promote better management of natural resources through
10 social, financial, technological, and environmentally friendly
11 solutions; and
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13 WHEREAS, collectively, partnerships have the capacity to
14 achieve environmental, social, and economic prosperity for
15 future generations by advancing knowledge of nature's ecosystems
16 and improving environmental stewardship through the traditions
17 and customs of indigenous people, which embody mutual respect
18 for one another and a commitment of service to the natural
19 world; and
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21 WHEREAS, our nation's economy, future, and heritage, and
22 the perpetuation of the health and well-being of its people, are
23 inextricably intertwined with the health and well-being of the
24 natural environment; and
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26 WHEREAS, technology such as wireless devices, advanced
27 satellite monitoring, embedded microprocessors, weather
28 stations, drones, and data-collecting robots help to develop
29 natural resource management solutions; and
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31 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that enduring
32 conservation economies are made up of small and medium-sized
33 business owners or "conservation entrepreneurs", in addition to
34 social entrepreneurs who embrace a conservation ethic and take
35 an interest in maintaining and nurturing ecosystems that
36 contribute to the health and well-being of communities across
37 our nation; now, therefore,
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39 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
40 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
41 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature recognizes
42 the importance of embracing values and practices that better
43 manage natural resources and the nation's diverse bioregional
44 economies; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages
2 public and private sector businesses to aggressively seek new
3 technologies and develop an educated workforce in order to
4 promote better natural resource management; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes the
7 conservation economy as an emerging industry and encourages the
8 United States Congress to support businesses and initiatives
9 that grow the conservation economy; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Majority Leader and
13 Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of
14 the United States House of Representatives, each member of
15 Hawaii's congressional delegation, and the Governor.

